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### **Law enforcement officers named first-ever Traffic Safety All-Stars**

INDIANAPOLIS — Announced today, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute presented 66 Indiana law enforcement officers with the state's first-ever Traffic Safety All-Star award.

To be named a Traffic Safety All-Star, the officer must have made at least 20 OWI arrests during the previous year and participated in one of the state's targeted enforcement campaigns, like *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*.

"These officers are setting the example and working overtime to put a stop to impaired driving in Indiana," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "It was a tremendous honor to be able to recognize their efforts to protect families and road users across the state."

Every day, almost 30 people in the U.S. die in drunk-driving crashes. That's an average of one person approximately every 50 minutes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In Indiana, there were 106 people killed in alcohol-impaired collisions last year, representing 13 percent of the state's traffic fatalities.

The Traffic Safety All-Star awards program was created by ICJI as a way to recognize law enforcement officers who are going above and beyond to keep road users and their communities safe by working to combat impaired driving.

Combined, the 66 officers who received the inaugural award totaled more than 3,000 OWI arrests in 2019.

"What's important to consider when you look at that number is the amount of lives that were saved as a result of these officers," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "Communities are safer, and people are alive today because of their efforts."

In addition to the Traffic Safety All-Star awards, two leadership awards were presented to Eric Massey, with the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and Captain Erv Faulk, with Indiana State Police, for their longstanding efforts to curb impaired driving.

These recipients, along with the Traffic Safety All-Stars, were recognized at a ceremony, hosted by the Indianapolis Indians at Victory Field.

"Law enforcement officers go above and beyond to keep our Indiana communities safe, and the positive work they provide – especially on our roadways – is often overlooked," said Randy Lewandowski,

Indianapolis Indians President & General Manager. “We are thankful for the everyday efforts put forth by officers to save lives and were honored to recognize 66 Traffic Safety All-Stars at Victory Field.”

The following list includes the 2020 Traffic Safety All-Star award recipients. Click [here](#) to download photos from the event.

County	Officer Name	Officer Agency	Number of OWI arrests in 2019
Boone	Melissa Trump	Whitestown Police Department	31
Clark	Erik Elliott	Clark County Sheriff's Office	24
Clark	Bradly Jones	Clark County Sheriff's Office	29
Decatur	Brandon Meyer	Greensburg Police Department	24
Delaware	Chris Kirby	Muncie Police Department	25
Delaware	Brandon Qualls	Muncie Police Department	24
Delaware	Kyle Temple	Muncie Police Department	28
Delaware	Jason Wentz	Muncie Police Department	89
Elkhart	Justin Scott	Elkhart County Sheriff's Office	25
Elkhart	James Garris	Elkhart County Sheriff's Office	31
Elkhart	Steven Jastrzembski	Elkhart County Sheriff's Office	22
Elkhart	Alex Kelly	Elkhart County Sheriff's Office	30
Elkhart	Jamie Sterling	Elkhart County Sheriff's Office	30
Elkhart	Nicolas Kauffman	Goshen Police Department	34
Elkhart	Austin Everage	Goshen Police Department	87
Elkhart	Ken Ulanowicz	Elkhart Police Department	50
Elkhart	Kyle Hamood	Bristol Police Department	22
Hancock	Dan Trejo	McCordsville Police Department	27
Hancock	Shawn Brady	New Palestine Police Department	35
Hancock	Matt Fox	Fortville Police Department	35
Hendricks	Jacob Hayn	Hendricks County Sheriff's Department	35
Hendricks	Travis Kahl	Hendricks County Sheriff's Department	44
Hendricks	Michael Taylor	Plainfield Police Department	40
Hendricks	James Schwartz	Avon Police Department	28
Hendricks	O'rion Elder	Avon Police Department	27
Henry	Aaron Strong	New Castle Police Department	35
Henry	James Nicholson	New Castle Police Department	29
Howard	Kody Detamore	Howard County Sheriff's Office	29
Johnson	Dallas Dillon	Johnson County Sheriff's Office	47
Lake	Scott Savich	Schererville Police Department	35

Lake	Brock Moore	Winfield Police Department	60
Lake	Aaron Crawford	Lowell Police Department	70
Lake	Tyler Dills	Highland Police Department	20
LaPorte	Dan Kesling	LaPorte County Sheriff Department	28
LaPorte	Joshua Smith	LaPorte County Sheriff Department	26
LaPorte	Austin Wells	LaPorte County Sheriff Department	70
Marion	Ryan Bowersox	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	25
Marion	Evan Meyer	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	45
Marion	Nicholas Rainbolt	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	24
Marion	Matthew Harris	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	26
Marion	Adam Jones	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	69
Marion	Donald Weilhamer	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	40
Marion	Zachary Crabtree	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	32
Marion	Jerry Leary	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	29
Marion	Matthew Pankonie	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	31
Marion	Duran Brown	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	39
Marion	Curtis Johnson	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	79
Marion	Mark Mccardia	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	77
Marion	Jamie Thorn	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	105
Marion	Zachary Foster	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	28
Marion	Michael Dehart	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	104
Marion	Craig Wildauer	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	305
Marion	Justin Baker	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	29
Marion	John Keough	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	27
Marion	Clayton Portell	Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department	25
Marion	Karl Brown	Speedway Police Department	85
Marion	Scott Highland	Speedway Police Department	43
Marshall	Trent Stouder	Bremen Police Department	24
Marshall	Jerrid Arnold	Plymouth City Police Department	40
Noble	Jerry Weber	Noble County Sheriff's Office	69
Noble	Carey Coney	Noble County Sheriff's Office	28
Randolph	Gabriel Detro	Randolph County Sheriff's Department	28
St. Joseph	Joshua Siekman	St. Joseph County Police Department	25
Tippecanoe	Austin Ames	West Lafayette Police Department	66
Wayne	Brett Haskett	Richmond City Police Department	46
Wayne	Julia Shank	Richmond City Police Department	119